

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

GILLANI CONSULTING, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

DAEWOO HEAVY INDUSTRIES AMERICA
CORPORATION,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C05-0823C

MINUTE ORDER

The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C. Coughenour, United States District Judge:

This matter comes before the Court on the parties' stipulated protective order. (Dkt. No. 23.) The Court will not sign the stipulated protective orders because it authorizes a document to be filed under seal based only on a party's designation of the document as "confidential." "There is a strong presumption of public access to the court's files and records which may be overcome only on a compelling showing that the public's right of access is outweighed by the interests of the public and the parties in protecting files, records, or documents from public review." Local Rule CR 5(g)(1). "Blanket" protective orders such as the one lodged in this case do not contain a compelling showing that the public and the parties' interests in protecting the documents marked "confidential" from public review outweigh the public's right of access.

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